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SUBJECT: COORDINATION OF NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY:
ANTICIPATED FRG RESPONSE

REF: STATE 248861

1. IN A DISCUSSION ON NOVEMBER 14 WITH FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH, THE SUBJECT OF THE USG INITIATIVE REGARDING COORDINATION OF NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY WAS RAISED. AS REPORTED IN PARA 7 OF REFTEL, ROTH CONFIRMED THAT THE GERMAHS WERE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE INITIATIVE. HE SAID A PAPER HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR FOREIGN MIHISTER GEHSCHER'S APPROVAL, BUT THUS FAR GENSCHER HAS NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON IT. GENSCHER HAS BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN A SERIES OF EC-9 AND BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, AND IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHEN APPROVAL FOR AN OFFICIAL GERMAN RESPONSE WILL BE OBTAINED.

2. ROTH SAID HIS GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS THE BRITISH REQUEST THAT THE DUTCH ALSO BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
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CONFERENCE. CITIHG THE TREATY OF ALMEO, ROTH SAID

THE BRITISH AND GERMANS WERE OBLIGATED TO COORDINATE
POLICY WITH THE DUTCH ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT QUESTIONS.
ROTH ANTICIPATES THE OFFICIAL GERMAN RESPONSE TO THE
USG AIDE MEMOIRE WILL INCLUDE THIS POINT.

3. ROTH SAID PAARTICIPATIOH IN THE CONFERENCE IS
OBVIOUSLY A VERY SENSITIVE ISSUE, AND IT WOULD BE
BEST FOR GOVERNMENTS TO HOLD INFORMATION ABOUT THE
PROSPECTIVE MEETING AS CLOSELY AS POSSBLE. HE OFFERED
THE OPINION, HOWEVER, THAT EVENTUALLY THE FORUM
PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TO BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE OTHER
NATIONS SUCH AS ITALY AND SWEDEN. ROTH MENTIONED HOW
DIFICULT IT HAD BEEN FOR HIM TO SKIRT THE CONFERENCE
PROPOSAL DURING ITALIAN FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR
DUCCI'S VISIT TO BONN ON NOVEMBER 12-13 FOR BILATERAL
CONSULTATIONS (SEE SEPTTEL).
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